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PATENTLISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Previously cancelled)

2 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article of claim 52, ~~which~~ wherein said article is an incontinence product.

3 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article of claim 52, ~~which~~ wherein said article is a diaper.

4 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article of claim 52, wherein the at least one fastener comprises one of a generally rectangular shape, square shape, circular shape, triangular shape, oval shape, linear shape, ~~or~~ and a  
5 combination thereof.

6 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article of claim 52, wherein the at least one fastener is generally rectangular in shape.

6 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article of claim 52, wherein the active fastening surface of the at least one single piece of flexible material is substantially covered by active fastening material.

7 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 6, wherein the active fastening material comprises a plurality of hooks.

8 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article of claim 7, wherein the plurality of hooks are configured in rows of about 4 rows of hooks/cm<sup>2</sup> to about 30 rows of hooks/cm<sup>2</sup>

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independently in at least one of the machine direction[[,]] and  
5 the cross-machine, ~~or a combination thereof~~ direction.

9 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article  
of claim 7, wherein the plurality of hooks have a density of  
about 100 hooks/cm<sup>2</sup> to about 750 hooks/cm<sup>2</sup> independently in at  
least one of the machine direction[[,]] and the cross machine  
5 direction, ~~or a combination thereof~~.

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10 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article  
of claim 7, wherein the active fastening material is configured  
in at least two selective surface areas; wherein each selective  
surface area has a hook density of about 2 cm<sup>2</sup> to about 8 cm<sup>2</sup>  
5 independently in at least one of the machine direction[[,]] and  
the cross machine direction, ~~or a combination thereof~~.

11 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article  
of claim 52, wherein the at least one fastener comprises a an  
anchor end and a user end.

12 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article  
of claim 11, wherein at least one of the anchor end[[,]] and  
the user end, ~~or both~~ of the at least one fastener comprises at  
least one of a generally rectangular shape, square shape,  
5 circular shape, triangular shape, oval shape[[,]] and a linear  
shape, ~~or a combination thereof~~.

13 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim  
11, wherein the anchor end of the at least one fastener has a  
shear strength of greater than 3,000 grams tensile.

14 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim  
11, wherein the anchor end of the at least one fastener has a

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length of about 0.75 to about 1.25 inches and a width of about 1.5 to about 4.0 inches.

15 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 11, wherein the user end of the at least one fastener has a shear strength of greater than 2,000 grams tensile.

16 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 11, wherein the user end of the at least one fastener has a width of about 0.75 to about 2.0 inches.

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17 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article of claim 11, wherein the anchor end of the at least one fastener is affixed to the at least one outside surface of the outer cover by at least one of thermal point bonding,  
5 ultrasonic bonding[[,]] and adhesive bonding, ~~or a combination thereof.~~

18 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article of claim 17, wherein the adhesive bonding may be applied by any a pattern of at least one of an adhesive bead, line, swirl[[,]] and dot, ~~or combination thereof~~ independently in at least one  
5 of the machine direction[[,]] and the cross machine direction, ~~or a combination thereof.~~

19 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 18, wherein the at least one adhesive bead is less than about 0.25 inches in width.

20 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article of claim 52, wherein the outer cover provides an active landing material.

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21 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article of claim 52, wherein the outer cover comprises at least one attachment panel.

22 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 21, wherein the at least one attachment panel comprises loop material.

23 (Previously cancelled).

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25 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 24, wherein the elastomeric material is a neck-bonded laminate (NBL).

26 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article of claim 55, wherein the at least one fastener comprises a an anchor end and a user end.

27 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 26, wherein the anchor end of the at least one fastener is reinforced with glue.

28 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 26, wherein the anchor end of the at least one fastener has a shear strength of greater than 3,000 grams tensile.

29 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 26, wherein the anchor end of the at least one fastener has a length of about 0.75 to about 1.25 inches and a width of about 1.5 to about 4.0 inches.

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30 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 26, wherein the user end of the at least one fastener has a shear strength of greater than 2,000 grams tensile.

31 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 26, wherein the user end of the at least one fastener has a width of about 0.75 to about 2.0 inches.

32 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article of claim 55, ~~which~~ wherein said article is an incontinence product.

33 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article of claim 55, ~~which~~ wherein said article is a diaper.

34 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article of claim 55, wherein the active fastening surface of the at least one single piece of flexible material is substantially covered by active fastening material.

35 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 34, wherein the active fastening material comprises a plurality of hooks.

36. (Previously cancelled)

37 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article of claim 57, ~~which~~ wherein said article is an incontinence product.

38 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article of claim 57, ~~which~~ wherein said article is a diaper.

39 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article of claim 57, wherein the active fastening surface of

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the at least one single piece of flexible material is substantially covered by active fastening material.

40 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 39, wherein the active fastening material comprises a plurality of hooks.

41 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article of claim 57, wherein the outer cover comprises a pair of ears.

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42 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 41, wherein the pair of ears comprise an elastomeric material.

43 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 42, wherein the elastomeric material is a neck-bonded laminate (NBL).

44 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article of claim 57, wherein the at least one fastener comprises a an anchor end and a user end.

45 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article of claim 44, wherein the anchor end of the at least one fastener is affixed to the at least one outside surface of the outer cover by at least one of thermal point bonding,  
5 ultrasonic bonding[[,]] and adhesive bonding, ~~or a combination thereof~~.

46 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article of claim 45, wherein the adhesive bonding may be applied ~~by any pattern of~~ as at least one of an adhesive bead, line, swirl[[,]] and dot, ~~or combination thereof~~ independently in at

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- 5 least one of the machine direction[[,]] and the cross machine  
direction, ~~or a combination thereof.~~

47 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 46, wherein the at least one adhesive bead is less than about 0.25 inches in width.

48 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 44, wherein the anchor end of the at least one fastener has a shear strength of greater than 3,000 grams tensile.

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49 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 41, wherein the anchor end of the at least one fastener has a length of about 0.75 to about 1.25 inches and a width of about 1.5 to about 4.0 inches.

50 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 44, wherein the user end of the at least one fastener has a shear strength of greater than 2,000 grams tensile.

51 (Original). The disposable absorbent article of claim 44, wherein the user end of the at least one fastener has a width of about 0.75 to about 2.0 inches.

52 (Currently amended). A disposable absorbent article comprising:

- a first waist region;
- a second waist region;
- 5 a crotch region extending longitudinally between the first and second waist regions, the absorbent article being foldable generally within the crotch region to configure said article with the first waist region in generally opposed relationship with the second waist region; and
- 10 at least one fastener comprising a single piece of

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flexible material having an active fastening surface adapted for anchoring to said article generally at said first waist region and for fastening to said article generally at said second waist region to secure said article on a wearer.

53 (Previously presented). A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 52 wherein said article has an inner surface adapted for contiguous relationship with the body of the wearer and an outer surface, the at least one fastener  
5 being adapted for anchoring to the outer surface of said article generally at said first waist region and for fastening to said outer surface at said second waist region to secure said article on the wearer.

54 (Previously presented). A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 52 further comprising a liner defining the inner surface of said article, an outer cover in opposed relationship with the liner and defining the outer surface of  
5 said article, and an absorbent core between the liner and the outer cover.

55 (Previously presented). A disposable absorbent article comprising:

- a first waist region;
- a second waist region;
- 5 a crotch region extending longitudinally between the first and second waist regions, the absorbent article being foldable generally within the crotch region to configure said article with the first waist region in generally opposed relationship with second waist region;
- 10 an outer cover;
- a pair of ears generally at the first waist region; and

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at least one fastener comprising a single piece of flexible material having an active fastening surface adapted for anchoring to the ears and for fastening to said article generally at said second waist region to secure said article on a wearer.

56 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article of claim 55 wherein the ears are formed integrally with the outer cover at the first waist region of said article.

57 (Currently amended). A disposable absorbent article comprising:

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- a first waist region;
  - a second waist region;

5 a crotch region extending longitudinally between the first and second waist regions, the absorbent article being foldable generally within the crotch region to configure said article with the first waist region in generally opposed relationship with second waist region; and

10 at least one fastener comprising a single piece of flexible material having an active fastening surface adapted for anchoring to said article generally at said first waist region ~~and being secured thereto with adhesive,~~ and for fastening to said article generally at said second waist region  
15 to secure said article on a wearer, said fastener being secured to said article generally at said first waist region at least in part other than by said active fastening surface.

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58 (New). The disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 57 wherein said fastener is secured to said article at said first waist region by adhesive.

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59 (New). A disposable absorbent article comprising:

a first waist region;

a second waist region;

5 a crotch region extending longitudinally between the first  
and second waist regions, the absorbent article being foldable  
generally within the crotch region to configure said article  
with the first waist region in generally opposed relationship  
with second waist region; and

10 at least one fastener comprising a single piece of  
flexible material having a fastening surface configured for  
releasable attachment to said article at said first waist  
region and at said second waist region to secure said article  
on a wearer.

60 (New). The disposable absorbent article set forth in  
claim 59 wherein the at least one fastener is secured to said  
article at said first waist region at least in part other than  
by the fastening surface of the fastener.

61 (New). The disposable absorbent article as set forth  
in claim 60 wherein said fastening surface of said at least one  
fastener comprises a plurality of hooks.